

# MORBID MUSING

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From time to time, those of us who contribute to the pages of Word Ways turn to the subject of illness. Now is such a time!

Many illnesses, injuries, and other conditions representing a departure from the normal physical state can be disguised -- and, possibly, thereby be palliated -- by means of letter rearrangements altering their sense. For instance, we may choose to regard LEPROSY as an extract from SPY LORE, or TRAUMAS as brought on by a trip to SUMATRA. If we are BIGOTED, our view of a DOGBITE will necessarily be negative. For the ultimate malady, DEATH, there is no palliative, of course: it is universally HATED.

Featured below are another 32 "conditions" in disguise. How many of them can you recognize? Note that two of them afflict animals rather than humans. Furthermore, at least one transposal conceals two different ailments, both spelled with precisely the same letters, and you are invited to try finding both of them. Correct answers are given in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

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| 1. regally     | 17. pleonasm       |
| 2. sticker     | 18. the Asian      |
| 3. lurable     | 19. coloreds       |
| 4. truisms     | 20. English "S"    |
| 5. Amelias     | 21. best idea!     |
| 6. ovarial     | 22. fine tonic!    |
| 7. unstate     | 23. pin horses     |
| 8. aspires     | 24. macaronic      |
| 9. sobered     | 25. semilurid      |
| 10. arch-art   | 26. unbarreth      |
| 11. nearish    | 27. supersonic     |
| 12. LaRoche    | 28. graciously     |
| 13. salesmen   | 29. trip enders    |
| 14. bristles   | 30. anti-scalar    |
| 15. dangles    | 31. series play    |
| 16. a red hair | 32. most saturnine |